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Examiner: A. Bahta

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

An European Search Report dated October 16, 2003 is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the European Search Report along with the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449. The Examiner will please note that cited reference U.S. Patent 5,585,638 was submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 30, 2003, and therefore, Applicants have not provided a duplicate copy.

Relevance of the non-English documents can be ascertained from the enclosed European Search Report, English abstract or from reference thereto in the instant specification.

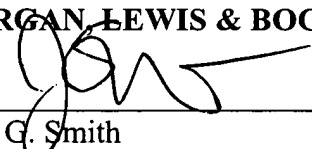
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Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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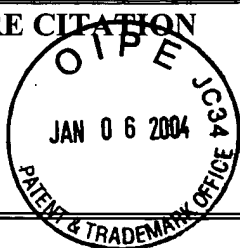
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